

COMMUNICATION

The reply filed on 3/12/2008 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because it appears the claim listing reading on the elected species (i.e. 1,36,44-46) is inaccurate.

It is noted that applicant has elected polymethylmethacrylate (PMMA) for the species of optically transmissive polymer and certainly claim 42 reads on PMMA.

The foregoing analysis should not to be deemed exhaustive, as there may be other claims in said listing of 7/17/2007 which similarly read on the elected species of optically transmissive polymer. Applicant is requested to carefully consider which of the currently active claims embrace *all* of the currently elected species, including the solvent, hydrophilic monomer, crosslinker and analyte species elections made on 12/13/2006 and provide a substitute listing.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE(1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher M. Gross whose telephone number is (571)272-4446. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, J. Douglas Schultz can be reached on 571 272-0763. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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